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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, MAY 26

Karl Shapiro, Pulitzer prize-winning poet, will speak "In Defense of Bad Poetry" Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the Montana State University Lodge. The lecture is open to the public without charge, according to Dr. Earl C. Lory, chairman of the MSU Public Exercises Committee.

The author of several volumes of poetry, Shapiro won early recognition as the recipient of the Jeanette S. Davis Prize in 1942, the Levinson Prize and Contemporary Poetry Prize in 1943, the Shelley Memorial Prize in 1945, and the same year, the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. He was awarded an American Academy of Arts and Letters grant in 1944, was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1953-54, a Fellow at the Kenyon School of Letters in 1956 and 1957, and a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1959.

The poet has been professor of English at the University of Nebraska since 1956. He taught at his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University, from 1947 to 1950. He edited Poetry magazine from 1950 to 1956 and since 1956 has edited Prairie Schooner. In 1946-47 he was consultant in poetry at the Library of Congress.

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